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SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF GVN CABINET

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. SAIGON DOMESTIC RADIO SERVICE IN VIETNAMESE AT 1300 FEB 16
CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM IN VIETNAMESE (SEE FBIS S160545):

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCE-
MENT: THIS MORNING, SATURDAY FEB 16, 1974, AT 1030 HOURS, THE
PRIME MINISTER SUBMITTED TO THE RVN PRESIDENT A REQUEST FOR
RESIGNATION BY ALL MINISTERS OF STATE, SECRETARIES OF STATE, AND
MINISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN REORGANIZE
THE GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO COPING WITH THE SITUATION AND MEETING
NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THE PRESIDENT HAS ACCEPTED THIS REQUEST
FOR RESIGNATION AND INSTRUCTED THE PRIME MINISTER TO REQUEST ALL
MINISTERS OF STATE, SECRETARIES OF STATE, AND MINISTERS TO ACT AS
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CARETAKERS OF THE MINISTRIES AND SERVICES CONCERNED. THE

PRESIDENT HAS ALSO REQUESTED THE PRIME MINISTER TO PROPOSE AT AN EARLY DATE A NEW COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT: END QUOTE.

2. RUMORS OF AN IMPORTANT CABINET RESHUFFLE HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING FOR SOME TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CABINET'S RESIGNATION IS, AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO REORGANIZE THE GOVERNMENT IN THE INTEREST OF GREATER EFFICIENCY. WHILE DETAILS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT ARE NOT YET KNOWN, WE EXPECT NO CHANGES IN THE BASIC LEADERSHIP OR POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.
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